

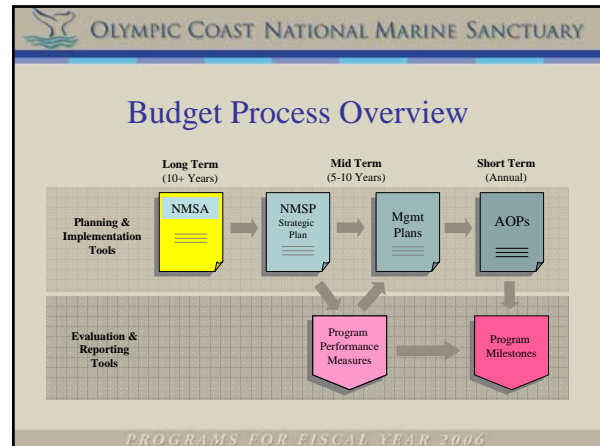
OLYMPIC COAST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

2006 Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Annual Operating Plan

Presentation to the Advisory Council
27 January 2006

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NMSP Strategic Plan Goals

- 1) **Identify, designate, and manage** sanctuaries
- 2) **Build and strengthen** the nation-wide system of marine sanctuaries
- 3) **Enhance** nation-wide **public awareness**, understanding, and appreciation
- 4) Investigate and enhance the **understanding of ecosystem processes**
- 5) **Facilitate human use in sanctuaries** to the extent such uses are compatible with the primary mandate of resource protection
- 6) **Work with the international community** to strengthen global protection of marine resources
- 7) Build, maintain, and enhance an **operational capability and infrastructure**

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NMSP Performance Measures

- 1) water quality
- 2) habitat
- 3) living marine resources
- 4) characterized
- 5) historical, cultural and archaeological resources
- 6) permits
- 7) marine zones
- 8) enforcement
- 9) volunteer
- 10) education
- 11) partnerships
- 12) awareness
- 13) management plans-current
- 14) management plan-future
- 15) Sanctuary Advisory Councils
- 16) operations
- 17) International
- 18) SHIELDS
- 19) ocean observing

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Annual Operating Plans and Performance Indicators

- ❖ **Annual Operating Plans** identify activities to be accomplished by individual sanctuaries within defined budgets.
- ❖ **Performance measures** are numerical standards to be achieved through the entire NMSP

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FY06 Program Budget

- \$1,442,100 base budget
- Administration, 51%
- Research, 22%
- Education, 13%
- Resource Protection, 14%
- 7 Federal, 1 NOAA Corps, 5 FT & 5 PT Contracts
- \$235K reduction, ~86% of FY05

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Administration & Operations

- Goal-provide administrative support services: AOP & policy planning (AC & MPR), budget tracking, rents/utilities, infrastructure and personnel support
- National Guidance-NMSA, NAO, FAR, Management Plan Handbook, Council Handbook, NMSP Strategic Plan, AOP Guidance
- Local Prioritization-AOP, AC Charter, Facilities Master Plan, Vessel Operations Manual, IT Plan

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Administration

- Goal 7, Objectives 1, 4
- Products
 - Annual Operating Plan
 - Reporting
 - Budget Tracking
 - Rents and utilities
 - Personnel support
 - Procurements
- Performance measure 16 (operations)

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Field Operations

- Goal 7, Objective 4
- Goal 4, Objective 2
- Products
 - Maintain the RV Tatoosh (R-3801) and the Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (R-2201)
 - Support approximately 50 small vessel operational days
 - Maintain dive team
- Performance measure 16 (operations)

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Advisory Council

- Goal 5, Objective 2
- Products
 - AC Annual Work Plan
 - Training for new members
 - Minutes and annual plan
 - Advice and recommendations
- Performance measure 11 (partnerships)

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Management Plan Review

- Goal 1, Objective 1, 4 & 6
- Products
 - Project Plan
 - Internal Scoping
 - Tribal Policy Council
- Performance measure 14 (management plan)

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Local Program Support

- Goal 7, Objective 1
- Products
 - Support for travel
 - Staff training plan
 - General supplies
- Performance measure 16 (operations)

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Regional & National Support

- Goal 2, Objectives 1-3
- Goal 7, Objective 2
- Products - support for travel to regional and national program coordination meetings
- Performance measure 11

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Administration Budget Cuts/Impacts

- Management Plan Review has been delayed
- July AC meeting cancelled
- Travel and Training has been cut
- Planned replacement of equipment has been delayed
- Participation in regional or national initiatives will be reduced

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Research

- The Sanctuary's research program focuses on and supports scientific investigations that improve our understanding of the Sanctuary's marine ecosystems and historical and cultural resources in order to provide managers with the information necessary to make informed decisions.
- NMSP: Sanctuary Science: Evaluation of Status & Information Needs (2002); A Monitoring Framework for the NMS System (2004)
- OCNMS: Research Workshops in 1996, 1998, & 2001; Science Framework (2003)

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Habitat Characterization & Mapping

- Goal 4, Objectives 1 & 3
- Ongoing acoustic habitat mapping & additions to GIS habitat layers
- Performance measures 2 (Habitat) & 4 (Characterization)

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Deepwater Coral & Sponge Habitats

- Goal 1, Objective 5; Goal 2, Objective 2; Goal 3, Objective 2; & Goal 4, Objective 1
- 2004 discoveries; scheduled 2006 ROV follow-up surveys (based on habitat maps)
- Performance measures 2 (Habitat), 3 (Living Marine Resources), 4 (Characterization), & 12 (Public Awareness)

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Kelp Monitoring

- Goal 2, Objective 2; Goal 4, Objective 1
- Annual aerial survey
- Performance measures 2 (Habitat) & 3 (Living Marine Resources)

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Marine Mammal & Seabird Monitoring

- Goal 2, Objectives 2 & 3; Goal 4, Objective 1
- 2005 west coast survey effort with NMFS
- Performance measure 3 (Living Marine Resources)

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Nearshore Monitoring

- Goal 2, Objective 2; Goal 4, Objectives 1 & 2
- May – Sept. moorings; hypoxia monitoring; ORHAB, PISCO, NANOOS partnerships
- Performance measures 1 (Water Quality), 7 (Partnerships), & 19 (Ocean Observing Systems)

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Intertidal Monitoring

- Goal 4, Objective 2
- Continue monitoring north & south sites; invasive species monitoring
- Performance measures 3 (Living Marine Resources) & 4 (Characterization)

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Sea Otter Studies

- Goal 4, Objective 2
- Annual census; pathogens
- Performance measures 3 (Living Marine Resources) & 4 (Characterization)

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Research Program Area Budget Cuts/Impacts

- Postponement of Biogeographic Assessment & Acoustic programs
- Planned multibeam survey cancelled; planned marine mammal & seabird survey cancelled or severely reduced
- Reduced survey days for side scan sonar mapping and ROV surveys; reduced contract technical support for nearshore program; reduced or eliminated portions of invasive species effort & hypoxia monitoring
- Reduced staff training in GIS
- Elimination of travel to participate in science conferences (marine mammal, groundfish, oceanographic)

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Resource Protection

- The Sanctuary resource and quality protection program includes: (1) a statement of Sanctuary resource and quality protection goals; (2) Sanctuary regulations, including procedures for working with existing regulatory authorities in cases of overlapping jurisdiction; (3) contingency and emergency response plans; (4) encouragement of compatible use in the Sanctuary; and (5) identification of surveillance and enforcement plans
- FEIS/Management Plan
- Internal Threats Assessment


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Fiber Optic Cable Monitoring

- Goal 1, Objective 5 & Goal 5, Objective 4
- Remediation/reburial of PC-1 cables; outputs = survey plan, remediation plan, buried cable; 2006-2007; Antrim, Bernthal, Brancato
- Performance measure 2 (habitat)

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Permitting

- Goal 5, Objectives 3 & 4
- Evaluate permit requests, conduct consultation, issue permits, NEPA determinations; outputs = permits or permit denials and associated documentation; ongoing; Brancato, Antrim, Galasso
- Performance measure 6 (permits)


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Oil Spill & Contingency Planning

- Goal 1, Objectives 2 & 5
- Spill preparedness training, ERA/drill participation, SHIELDS, work with Makah & other tribes on spill issues; ongoing; Brancato, Antrim, Bernthal
- Performance measure 11 (partnerships)
- Performance measure 18 (SHIELDS)


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Derelict Gear Removal

- Goal 1, Objective 2 & Goal 5, Objective 5
- Pilot to identify and remove abandoned fishing gear that threatens sanctuary within the Makah U&A; 2 areas SSS, SCUBA and gear removal; through summer 2006; Bernthal & Antrim
- Performance measure 2 (habitat)
- Performance measure 3 (living marine resources)


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Resource Protection Programs

- Goal 1, Objectives 3 & 5
- Combines several programs targeted at reducing threats from human activities. ATBA, overflight compliance and monitoring program, and marine mammal strandings.
- Performance measure 8 (enforcement)
- Performance measure 11 (partnerships)
- Performance measure 12 (awareness)


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Resource Protection Programs Budget Cuts/Impacts

- Travel reduction curtailing participation in conferences & regional meetings
- Support for overflight outreach & stranding support cancelled
- Support for fiber optic cable experts reduced
- Reduced support for Big Eddy Ecosystem Initiative


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Education and Outreach

- “Enhance nationwide public awareness, understanding and appreciation of marine and Great Lakes ecosystems and maritime heritage resources through outreach, education and interpretation efforts.”
- National: NMSP Strategic Plan for Education
- OCNMS: 1995-96 Education Working Group Goals; 1999 Interpretive Plan


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Education, Interpretation, Outreach

- Goal 3, Objectives 1 & 2
- Support for teachers, Makah interpretation program, public presentations and events
- Performance measures 9 (volunteer), 10 (education) and 12 (awareness)


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Volunteer Programs

- Goal 7, Objective 3
- OCDC, COASST, Beach Cleanup, other
- Performance measure 9 (volunteer)


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Olympic Coast Discovery Center

- Goal 3, Objective 3
- Visitor Services and volunteer programs
- Performance measures 9 (volunteer), 10 (education) and 12 (awareness)

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Education Budget Cuts/Impacts

- Classroom, field education, cooperative interpretation, OCDC, Maritime Heritage Program
- reduced travel to education conferences; ONP interpreter eliminated; publications eliminated; NMPS teacher workshop eliminated; all MHP field work eliminated; volunteer recognition reduced

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VISION

The National Marine Sanctuary Program is a world-class system of sanctuaries that protect the nation's natural and cultural marine resources for this and future generations and provides both national and international leadership for marine conservation.

MISSION

Identify, protect, conserve, and enhance the natural and cultural resources, values, and qualities of the National Marine Sanctuary System for this and future generations throughout the nation.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The NMSA provides the broad mandates, purposes, and policies for the NMSP. Sanctuary management plans and annual operating plans spell out more specific and detailed tasks for day-to-day management at a site and throughout the overall program. The following goals and objectives provide a bridge between broad mandates and daily operations, encompassing the nine purposes and policies in the act and the functional categories for annual operating plans.

Goal 1: Identify, designate, and manage sanctuaries to maintain the natural biological communities in sanctuaries and to protect and, where appropriate, restore and enhance natural habitats, populations, and ecological processes, through innovative, coordinated, and community-based measures and techniques.

- **Objective 1:** Prepare sanctuary-specific management plans and regional and national programs and policies that utilize all program capacities to protect and manage resources.
- **Objective 2:** Conduct and maintain routine contingency planning, emergency response, damage assessment, and restoration activities to preserve and restore the integrity of sanctuary ecosystems.
- **Objective 3:** Develop and maintain enforcement programs and partnerships to maximize protection of sanctuary resources.
- **Objective 4:** Review and evaluate the NMSP's effectiveness at site, regional, and national levels, through both internal and external mechanisms.
- **Objective 5:** Anticipate, characterize, prevent and mitigate threats to resources.
- **Objective 6:** Assess and predict changes in the NMSP's operating, natural, and social environments and evolve sanctuary management strategies to address them, through management plan reviews, reauthorizations, and program regulatory review.
- **Objective 7:** Designate new sanctuaries, as appropriate, to ensure the nation's marine ecosystems and networks achieve national expectations for sustainability.

Goal 2: Build and strengthen the nation-wide system of marine sanctuaries, maintain and enhance the role of the NMSP's system in larger marine protected area networks, and help provide both national and international leadership for marine protected area management and marine resource stewardship.

- **Objective 1: Develop an ecosystem-based context in which sanctuaries exist to facilitate identification of potential new sites, in coordination, to the most practical extent, with community, regional, national, and international efforts.**
 - **Objective 2: Initiate, coordinate and participate in ecosystem-based and network initiatives and projects at the regional, national, and international levels.**
 - **Objective 3: Develop and maintain interagency partnerships and collaborations, particularly with other national and international protected area and resource managers.**
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Goal 3: Enhance nation-wide public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of marine and Great Lakes ecosystems and maritime heritage resources through outreach, education, and interpretation efforts.

- **Objective 1: Provide formal and informal education opportunities that will reach a diverse national population and enhance knowledge of the oceans and Great Lakes, their resources, and the stewardship responsibilities of all citizens.**
 - **Objective 2: Implement outreach programs to increase awareness of, personal connections with, and stewardship of the oceans and Great Lakes, and national marine sanctuaries.**
 - **Objective 3: Establish partnerships and interpretive facilities in key locations that maximize community exposure, to supplement the NMSP's education and outreach efforts.**
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Goal 4: Investigate and enhance the understanding of ecosystem processes through continued scientific research, monitoring, and characterization to support ecosystem-based management in sanctuaries and throughout U.S. waters.

- **Objective 1: Expand observing systems and monitoring efforts within and near national marine sanctuaries to fill important gaps in the knowledge and understanding of ocean and Great Lakes ecosystems.**
- **Objective 2: Support directed research activities that support management decisionmaking on challenges and opportunities facing sanctuary ecosystems, processes, and resources.**
- **Objective 3: Develop comprehensive characterization products of ocean and Great Lakes ecosystems, processes, and resources.**

Goal 5: Facilitate human use in sanctuaries to the extent such uses are compatible with the primary mandate of resource protection, through innovative public participation and interagency cooperative arrangements.

- **Objective 1:** Work closely with partners, interested parties, community members, stakeholders, and government agencies to assess and manage human use of sanctuary resources.
 - **Objective 2:** Create, operate, and support community-based sanctuary advisory councils to advise sites and the overall program in the management of their resources, and to serve as liaisons to the community.
 - **Objective 3:** Consult and coordinate with federal agencies and other partners conducting activities in or near sanctuaries.
 - **Objective 4:** Use other tools such as policy development, permitting, and regulatory review and improvement to help guide human use of sanctuary resources.
 - **Objective 5:** Create and support programs and strategies to work with indigenous peoples and treaty tribes.
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Goal 6: Work with the international community to strengthen global protection of marine resources, investigate and employ appropriate new management approaches, and disseminate NMSP experience and techniques.

- **Objective 1:** Develop multilateral program relationships to interact with, share knowledge and experience with, and learn from international partners to improve the NMSP's management capacity, and bring new experiences to marine protected area management in the U.S.
 - **Objective 2:** Investigate the use of international legal conventions and other instruments to help protect sanctuary resources, including those that are transboundary or shared.
 - **Objective 3:** Cooperate to the extent possible with global research initiatives in order to improve the overall understanding of the ocean.
 - **Objective 4:** Make NMSP education and awareness programs accessible through international efforts to increase the global population's awareness of ocean issues.
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Goal 7: Build, maintain, and enhance an operational capability and infrastructure that efficiently and effectively support the attainment of the NMSP's mission and goals.

- **Objective 1:** Cultivate, retain, and enhance a highly qualified and dedicated staff for the NMSP.
- **Objective 2:** Implement a regional management structure to integrate marine sanctuaries into region-based ecosystem frameworks for the NMSP.
- **Objective 3:** Support and expand the volunteer programs within the NMSP to support a multitude of sanctuary operations to magnify the capabilities of the NMSP, as well as public awareness of marine sanctuaries and the resources they protect.
- **Objective 4:** Build, maintain, and enhance the facilities, small boat fleet, aircraft, equipment, and other infrastructure appropriate and required for conducting operations at headquarters, the regions, and individual sanctuaries.

MEASURING PERFORMANCE

To assess progress towards achievement of the goals and objectives identified above the NMSP has developed a set of program-wide performance measures. Taken collectively, these targets allow the NMSP to measure its management performance within the context of mandates set forth in the NMSA as well as the twenty functional categories identified in annual operating plans. Table 2 shows how the performance measures cover the seven goals. Results from performance evaluations will be used as an internal guide for the program's management decision making.

Table 2: Integration of NMSP Goals and Program Performance Measures

| <i>Performance Measure</i> | | Goal 1 <i>Protect Resources</i> | Goal 2 <i>Strengthen the System</i> | Goal 3 <i>Raise Awareness</i> | Goal 4 <i>Sanctuary Science</i> | Goal 5 <i>Facilitate Compatible Use</i> | Goal 6 <i>Improve Internal Work</i> | Goal 7 <i>Build Infrastructure</i> |
|----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Number of sites in which water quality , based on long-term monitoring data, is being maintained or improved.* | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| 2 | Number of sites in which habitat , based on long-term monitoring data, is being maintained or improved.* | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| 3 | Number of sites in which select living marine resources , based on long-term monitoring data, are being maintained or improved.* | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| 4 | By 2010, 100% of the System is adequately characterized .* | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| 5 | By 2015, 1200 additional shipwrecks identified and evaluated within national marine sanctuaries demonstrating historic potential for the existence of shipwrecks.* | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 6 | By 2007, 100% of NMSP permits are handled timely and correctly.* | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 7 | By 2010, 100% of sites with marine zones in place have implemented a methodology for assessing their effectiveness. | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 8 | By 2010, all sites have implemented a cooperative enforcement program and are able to demonstrate results based on stated goals and objectives. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 9 | By 2010, increase by 25% the number of volunteer hours dedicated to NMSP science, public awareness and resource protection activities. | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 10 | By 2010, all education programs implemented in national marine sanctuaries will be assessed for effectiveness against stated program goals and objectives and National Science Education Standards. | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 11 | By 2007, the NMSP is assessing the effectiveness of all significant partnerships across the sanctuary system. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |

Table 2: Integration of NMSP Goals and Program Performance Measures

| <i>Performance Measure</i> | | Goal 1 | Goal 2 | Goal 3 | Goal 4 | Goal 5 | Goal 6 | Goal 7 |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | <i>Protect Resources</i> | <i>Strengthen the System</i> | <i>Raise Awareness</i> | <i>Sanctuary Science</i> | <i>Facilitate Compatible Use</i> | <i>Improve Internat'l Work</i> | <i>Build Infrastructure</i> |
| 12 | By 2015, increase by 20% public awareness of national marine sanctuaries and the sanctuary system. | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| 13 | Complete final management plans for all sites currently in management plan review by 2008. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 14 | By 2010, decrease the average length of time to complete a draft revised management plan to 24 months. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 15 | By 2010, Sanctuary Advisory Councils will provide significant input on 150 priority projects across the NMSP. | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 16 | By 2015, all infrastructure needs are funded to adequately support safe and effective operations . | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| 17 | By 2010, five new collaborative projects with either new or existing international partnerships will be initiated and demonstrating protection of the marine environment. | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| 18 | By 2006, all national marine sanctuaries (excluding Monitor NMS) will be trained in the use of Sanctuaries Hazardous Incident Emergency Logistics Database System SHIELDS and its components. | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| 19 | By 2010, 100% of sanctuaries will have an ocean observing system component within their site monitoring program. | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ |

ACRONYMS

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| AC | Advisory Council |
| AOP | Annual Operating Plan |
| ATBA | Area to be Avoided |
| COASST | Coastal Observation And Seabird Survey Team |
| ERA | Environmental Risk Assessment |
| FAR | Federal Acquisition Regulations |
| FEIS | Final Environmental Impact Statement |
| FT | Full-time |
| FY | Fiscal Year |
| GIS | Geographic Information System |
| IT | Information Technology |
| MHP | Maritime Heritage Program |
| MPR | Management Plan Review |
| NANOOS | Northwest Association of Networked Ocean Observing Systems |
| NAO | NOAA Administrative Orders |
| NEPA | National Environmental Protection Act |
| NMFS | National Marine Fisheries Service |
| NMS | National Marine Sanctuaries |
| NMSA | National Marine Sanctuaries Act |
| NMSP | National Marine Sanctuaries Program |
| OCDC | Olympic Coast Discovery Center |
| OCNMS | Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary |
| ONP | Olympic National Park |
| ORHAB | Olympic Region Harmful Algal Bloom |
| PC | Pacific Crossing |
| PISCO | Partnership for Interdisciplinary Studies of Coastal Oceans |
| PT | Part-time |
| ROV | Remote Operated Vehicle |
| SCUBA | Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus |
| SHIELDS | Sanctuaries Hazardous Incident Emergency Logistics Database System |
| SSS | Side Scan Survey |
| U&A | Usual and Accustomed Fishing Areas |